

✦ Augsburg College Corporation Board

✦ **Mary Nelson**

Congregation: Salem, Albert Lea

Conference: Blue Earth River

Occupation: Food Service Director

Service to congregation:

- Sunday school teacher
- Group study leader

Service to synod:

- Represented synod on Augsburg College Board May 2004-April 2006

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Board member of Faith in Action, Freeborn County

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

✦ **Pastor Carl Bruihler**

Congregation: First, Le Sueur

Conference: Minnesota River

Occupation: Pastor

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

✦ **David Malm**

Congregation: Christ the King, Mankato

Conference: Minnesota River

Occupation: Customer Service Supervisor

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Augsburg alumnus
- Worked in the Augsburg Admissions office as a student

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

✦ **Pastor Kerry Eversole**

Congregation: Bethlehem, Lanesboro

Conference: Root River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Pastor

Service to synod:

- Synod Assembly Worship Planning Committee

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

✦ **Pastor Jeff Forbes**

Congregation: Cedar Valley, Winona & Looney Valley, Houston

Conference: Root River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to synod:

- Synod Assembly Planning Committee
- Rural Life Committee

- Committee on Discipline

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Lions International

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

✦ **Mary Ann Urban**

Congregation: United Redeemer, Zumbrota

Conference: Cannon River

Occupation: Teacher (retired)

Service to congregation:

- Choir & handbell choir director
- Worship committee

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Ronald McDonald House volunteer, Rochester
- Volunteer music teacher at University Childcare Center, Minneapolis
- Augsburg College alumna

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee



✦ Augsburg College Corporation Board, continued

✦ Pastor Mark Schwartz

Congregation: South Zumbro, Kasson

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to synod:

- Vice-Dean of Zumbro River Conference
- Augsburg College Corporation
- Synod Nominating Committee

Other experience and/or service to community:

- President of Kasson-Mantorville Ministerium
- Augsburg alumnus

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

✦ Pastor Peter Reuss

Congregation: Peace, Eyota

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Mission Re-Developer Pastor

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Board of Directors, Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center (IL)
- Board of Directors, Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

✦ Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

Congregation: Good Shepherd, Plainview

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Pastor

Service to synod:

- Synod Assembly Elections Committee

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

❖ Congregational Renewal Team

❖ Pastor Jim Ahlquist

Congregation: Messiah, North Mankato

Conference: Minnesota River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- All aspects of congregational ministry

Service to synod:

- 2005 Churchwide voting member, conference dean, synod council

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Various school activities
- Community boards
- Rotary

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

❖ Pastor Cindy Fisher-Broin

Congregation: Spring Garden, Cannon Falls

Conference: Cannon River River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to synod:

- Good Earth Village board
- Synod Nominating Committee
- Global Mission/Companion Synods Committee
- First Call mentor
- Synod Council (2004-2006)
- Congregational Renewal Team (2004-2006)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Goodhue County Family Service Collaborative Board

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee



❖ Congregational Renewal Team, continued

❖ Beth Kreihbel

Congregation: First, Lake City

Conference: Cannon River

Occupation: Chief Operating Officer,
Fairview Red Wing Health Services

Service to congregation:

- Church council (9 years), president (2 years)
- Choir
- Sunday school teacher
- Stewardship Board, chair
- Worship band

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Developed spiritual health program, recruited & integrated a pastoral staff person for Fairview Red Wing
- Various volunteer boards: United Way, Red Wing Chamber of Commerce, Faith in Action, Home Care Association, etc.
- Professional experience with coaching, management and program development, and operations

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

❖ Cathy Mannel, AIM

Congregation: St. Olaf, Austin

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Chaplain at St. Mark's
Lutheran Home, Austin

Service to congregation:

- Confirmation leader
- Music & worship committee
- Choir

Service to synod:

- Congregational Renewal Team
- Interim ministry

Other experience and/or service to community:

- United Way Allocation Committee
- Community choir

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

❖ Pastor Richard Spande

Congregation: Salem, Albert Lea

Conference: Blue Earth River

Occupation: Chaplain, Crossroads
Community Hospice

Service to congregation:

- Pastoral back-up when pastor is out of town

Service to synod:

- Synod Council
- Congregational Renewal Team
- Lutheran Disaster Response

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee



✱ Lay & Clergy Leadership Team

✱ Dorothy Gesme

Congregation: Trinity, Hayfield

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Parish Nurse part-time, DON
FieldCrest Care Center (retired)

Service to congregation:

- Sunday school teacher
- Choir
- Alter Guild
- Church Council
- WELCA president
- Mutual ministry chair person
- Parish nurse
- Deliver kits for Lutheran World Relief
- Quilts to Minneapolis home
- Hospital and nursing home visits
- Knit prayer shawls

Service to synod:

- Secretary/treasurer of Zumbro River Conference WELCA
- Synod Assembly Planning Committee (2006 Assembly)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Given pedicures/manicures to elderly in the community and hometown community, donations to various causes
- Hayfield Study Club
- WELCA president
- Help with church monthly waffle breakfasts (WELCA)

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

✱ Pastor John Henriksen

Congregation: Grace, Albert Lea

Conference: Blue Earth River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation (as lay person, prior to entering ministry):

- Church council
- Stewardship committee
- Education committee
- Property committee
- Sunday school & confirmation teacher

Service to synod:

- Synod Call Committee (1992-1993?)
- Stewardship Committee (1993?-2002)
- Committee on Consultation (2003-present)
- Initial Interviewer for Candidacy (2004-present)
- Synod Assembly Planning Committee (2003-2004)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Member & chair, Board for Tri-County Mental Health Center in Winona
- Member & chair, Wabasha County AIDS Task Force
- Wabasha-Kellogg Boosters Club
- Albert Lea Medical Center Chaplains Committee
- Albert Lea Medical Center Ethics Committee

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee



✱ Lay & Clergy Leadership Team, continued

✱ Pastor Scott Olson

Congregation: Central, Winona

Conference: Root River

Occupation: Pastor of Wholeness and Healing

Service to congregation:

- Oversight and leader of Adult Ed
- Confirmation
- Library
- WELCA Bible Study
- Missions & Social Concerns
- Stewardship
- Pastoral Care
- Talents project

Service to synod:

- Contribute to *River Crossings*
- Contribute to *The Lutheran Magazine*
- Reporter for Synod Assembly
- Co-convener, Associate Pastors Group
- Communications focus group
- Board member, Lutheran Campus Center
- Synod council
- Synod executive board

Other experience and/or service to community:

- “Tough Guise” group member
- Former board member, Grace Place
- Member, Ethics Committee of Community Memorial Hospital
- On-call chaplain
- Registered Girl Scout

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

✱ Karen Ortloff

Congregation: Gloria Dei, Rochester

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Psychologist - Christian Counselor/Mediator/Life Coach

Service to congregation:

- Small group leader
- Praise band guitar/singer
- Handbells
- Musicals
- Book study leader
- Women’s Missionary League
- Youth leader
- Confirmation mentor

Service to synod:

- Ministerial Health Committee
- Help run 5 National Youth Gatherings
- Rule 148A Response Committee
- Speaker/Seminar Presenter at pastor conference meetings
- Helped synod establish counseling offices in four cities
- Counseled at Concordia College
- Mediator, St. Paul

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Served as a psychological evaluator for YMCA Mankato
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters program volunteer for 10 years

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee



✱ Lay & Clergy Leadership Team, continued

✱ John Petersburg

Congregation: Trinity, Owatonna

Conference: Minnesota River

Occupation: Church administrator

Service to congregation:

- Sunday school teacher
- Church council
- Youth Education Commission

Service to synod:

- Synod Assembly Planning Committee
- Synod Assembly voter
- Lay & Clergy Development Team (chair)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Rochester Area Chapter of the National Association of Church Administration
- Claremont/Triton School Board
- Minnesota School Board Association

Director, representing Southeastern Minnesota

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

☒ Mission Planning & Action Team

☒ Ann Beatty

Congregation: Zumbro, Rochester

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Executive Director, Choral Arts Ensemble/Musician

Service to congregation:

- Leadership & committee responsibilities for Zumbro's youth education
- Adult education
- Bible school worship
- Musical & youth choral director
- Accompanist and pianist

Service to synod:

- Mission Planning and Action Team (2004-2006)
- Synod Council (2004-2006)
- Executive Committee (2004-2006)
- Synod Nominating Committee

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Music education at St. John's Elementary, Lourdes High, and Rochester Montessori
- Volunteer work in Rochester Public Schools, including leadership role on Rochester Public School Foundation
- Baccalaureate chairperson for all city schools
- Luther College class agent (1975)
- Festival of Trees
- Rochester Music Guild
- Rochester Keyboard club
- Pianist for civic events

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee



☒ Mission Planning & Action Team, continued

☒ **Marcia Wolter Blackburn**

Congregation: People of Hope, Rochester

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Presentation Designer

Service to congregation:

- Land Use Team, member (2000)
- Building Design Team, member (2000-2001)
- Building Team, secretary (2001-March 2002)
- Interior Design Team, chair (2002)
- Befriender Ministry (2002-2003)
- Mission Leadership Team (church council), member (2003)
- Capital Campaign Committee, member (2004)
- Mission Leadership Team, chair & vice-chair (2005 & 2004)
- Pastoral Search Team (call committee), chair (2005-present)

Service to synod:

- People of Hope Synod Assembly voting member (2002, 2003)

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

☒ **Pastor Justin Boeding**

Congregation: Faith, Dodge Center

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Pastor

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Strong desire to help our congregations faithfully witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in our communities

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

☒ **Pastor Linda Gunderson**

Congregation: Central Freeborn, Albert Lea

Conference: Blue Earth River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to synod:

- Previously served on a number of committees, task forces, and synod council

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

☒ **Pastor Randy Johnson**

Congregation: United, Red Wing

Conference: Cannon River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to synod:

- Synod Youth Committee (1991-1993)
- Cannon River Conference Dean (2000-2002)
- ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member (2003)
- Mission Planning & Action Team (2004-2006)
- Synod Council (2004-2006)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Past president, Red Wing Ministerial
- Past board member, Red Wing YMCA
- Past board member, Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity
- Noontime Kiwanis
- Red Wing Singers
- Red Wing Area Coalition for Transitional Housing board member

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee



☐ Mission Planning & Action Team, continued

☐ Craig Nelson

Congregation: Salem, Albert Lea

Conference: Blue Earth River

Occupation: Lawyer, Freeborn County

Attorney since January 1991

Service to congregation:

- President of congregation (1998-2004)
- Sunday school teacher (grades 7-8, 6 years)
- Confirmation teacher/assistant (12 years, ended 2005)
- Alpha Class group leader (2/3 years and continuing as a participant/leader)
- Men's weekly Bible study, participant and leader (since 1997)
- Service on miscellaneous committees
- Member of the Salem Natural Church Development team (January/February 2005-present)

Service to synod:

- Member, Lay School of Theology Committee
- Voting member at Synod Assembly (4/5 occasions, 1998-2004)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Member, Minnesota Bar Association (1976-present).
- President, Minnesota County Attorneys Association (2004)
- Member of the Minnesota Supreme Court Children's Justice Initiative Statewide Advisory Committee (2003-present)
- Numerous other community committees

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

☐ Pastor David Rossow

Congregation: Christ, Byron

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to synod:

- Synod Candidacy Committee
- Synod Ecumenical Affairs Representative
- Synod Assembly Planning Committee
- Synod Elections Committee
- Various Conference committees

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Byron Lions Club
- Le Sueur-Henderson School Board
- Le Sueur Rotary Club
- Youth athletics

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee



✂ Synod Secretary

✂ BettyAnn Hernke

Congregation: Urland, Cannon Falls

Conference: Cannon River

Occupation: Secretary/Bookkeeper

Service to synod:

- Synod WELCA Board
- Synod Leadership Team
- Mission Planning and Action Team
- Synod Council (secretary)
- Synod Executive Committee
- Chair, Synod Board for Congregational Ministries
- Vice President and President, Urland Lutheran Church

Other experience and/or service to community:

- President, Goodhue County Home Council
- Goodhue County Extension Committee
- Board of Directors, Good Earth Village

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

✂ Jean Ellingson

Congregation: Zumbro, Rochester

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Administrative Assistant

Service to congregation:

- Worship, Music/Arts Commission
- Sunday School Music
- Choir accompanist
- Substitute organist
- Mentor

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Organizing/coordinating special events

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

💰 Synod Treasurer

💰 Mark V. Bradley

Congregation: Zumbro, Rochester

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Finance Manager, IBM

Service to congregation:

- Member & chair, Finance Committee
- Audit Committee member
- Congregational vice-president & president
- Choir member
- Lay instructor (Bible study)
- Confirmation group leader
- Sunday school teacher
- Co-chairperson, Stewardship (Roseville Lutheran)

Service to synod:

- Synod Assembly voting member

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Community Housing Partnership Board Member (6 years)
- Mathematics Curriculum Committee, Rochester Schools
- Volunteer in education activities: Math Masters, History Day, Speech
- 4-H volunteer

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee

💰 Linda (Lin) Gentling

Congregation: Bethel, Rochester

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Finance Analyst

Service to congregation:

- Mentoring program with confirmands
- Assisting with Holy Communion

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Finance Analyst at Mayo Clinic, Rochester
- Ronald McDonald House Board of Directors - Finance Committee

Nominated by the Synod Nominating Committee



● 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members - Clergy

● Pastor Curtis Zieske

Congregation: Trinity, Albert Lea

Conference: Blue Earth River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Parish pastor since 1973

Service to synod:

- Synod Nominating Committee
- Churchwide Assemblies (visitor)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Freeborn County Anti-Drug Coalition, committee member

Nominated by the Blue Earth River Conference

● Pastor Tammy Dahlvang

Congregation: Lunder, Twin Lakes & Round Prairie, Albert Lea

Conference: Blue Earth River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Pastor: Preaching, teaching, and visiting

Service to synod:

- Committee to present workshops about implementing the new hymnal
- Conference Nominating Committee

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Lakeview Elementary School Parent/Teacher Association

Nominated by the Blue Earth River Conference

● Pastor Dick Jorgensen

Congregation: First English, Faribault

Conference: Cannon River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to synod:

- Member, Candidacy Committee
- Chair, Theology Conference Committee

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Member, Family Selection Committee
- Rice County Habitat for Humanity
- Chair, Faribault Ministerial Association

Nominated by the Cannon River Conference

● Pastor Dan Doering

Congregation: Grace, Waseca

Conference: Minnesota River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Associate Pastor
- Before ordination: Music Director, Contemporary Worship Coordinator, congregational councils, youth work, and youth trip leader

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Interested in church leadership and leadership development
- Exchange Club, Waseca

Nominated by the Minnesota River Conference



● 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members - Clergy, continued

● Pastor Louise Stromberg

Congregation: Cross of Christ, Houston

Conference: Root River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Associate pastor, pastor, intern, seminary student
- Search Bible study Leader
- Stephen Minister

Service to synod:

- Synod Nominating Committee (2003-2005)
- Synod Assembly Planning (2002)
- Lay School of Theology Board (2004-present)
- NE Iowa Synod Fall Conference Planning Committee (1998-2000)
- South Central Synod of WI Stewardship Committee (1992-1996)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Musician
- Poet

Nominated by the Root River Conference

● Pastor Scott Olson

Congregation: Central, Winona

Conference: Root River

Occupation: Pastor of Wholeness and Healing

Service to congregation:

- Oversight and/or leader of Adult Ed
- Confirmation
- Library
- WELCA Bible Study
- Missions & Social Concerns
- Stewardship
- Pastoral Care
- Talents project

Service to synod:

- Contribute to *River Crossings*
- Contribute to *The Lutheran Magazine*
- Reporter for Synod Assembly
- Co-convener, Associate Pastors Group
- Communications focus group
- Board member, Lutheran Campus Center
- Synod council
- Synod executive board

Other experience and/or service to community:

- “Tough Guise” group member
- Former board member, Grace Place
- Member, Ethics Committee of Community Memorial Hospital
- On-call chaplain
- Registered Girl Scout

Nominated by the Root River Conference



● 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members - Clergy, continued

● Pastor Steve Ronningen

Congregation: Gloria Dei, Rochester

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Pastor Developer for our second site - Glory to God campus

Service to synod:

- Strategic Plan committee
- Men's Ministry

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Retired Naval Reserve chaplain

Nominated by the Zumbro River

Conference

● Pastor Linda Helberg

Congregation: Bethel, Rochester

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Lay staff, American Lutheran Church, Worthington, MN
- Director of Visitation, Phinney Ridge Lutheran, Seattle, WA
- Pastor

Service to synod:

- Division for Ministries & Conference of Bishops for the ELCA in Region 4
- Zumbro Conference Vice Dean
- Global Ministries

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Mission trips to Mexico & Tanzania

Nominated by the Synod Nominating

Committee

▲ 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members - Lay, Male

▲ Bill Groskreutz

Congregation: Good Shepherd, Wells

Conference: Blue Earth River

Occupation: County Commissioner

Service to congregation:

- Church council (7 years)
- Congregational president (1 year)
- Sunday school teacher
- Youth group advisor
- Bible study adult forum leader
- Worship team
- Church & men's choirs

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Jaycees
- Lions
- Wells Ambulance Service
- Chamber of Commerce
- MVAC Board of Directors
- Faribault/Martin County Human Services Board of Directors

Nominated by the Blue Earth River

Conference

▲ Jeff Sauve

Congregation: Lands Lutheran, Zumbrota

Conference: Cannon River

Occupation: St. Olaf College archivist

Service to congregation:

- Church archivist (2003-present)
- Voting member for the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly (2003)
- Coordinator of patio-picnic summer gatherings (2003-2004)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Zumbrota Area Historical Society board of directors (2004-present)
- Lions Club (2004-present)
- Youth soccer coach (2005)

Nominated by the Cannon River

Conference



▲ 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members - Lay, Male, continued

▲ John Mills

Congregation: First English, Faribault

Conference: Cannon River

Occupation: Revenue tax specialist,
Minnesota Department of Revenue

Nominated by the Cannon River

Conference

- South Central WI Music and Worship Committee
- East Michigan Music and Worship Committee

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Tree farmer
- Wood turner

Nominated by the Root River Conference

▲ Jim Jilek

Congregation: Messiah, North Mankato

Conference: Minnesota River

Occupation: Electrician

Service to congregation:

- Youth board (4 years)
- Helped with numerous youth events
- Volunteered with many groups
- Volunteer professional skills

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Scouts
- Various school committees
- Worked with the dance team building sets (9 years)
- After-graduation party committees

Nominated by the Minnesota River

Conference

▲ Marty Helle

Congregation: St. Olaf, Austin

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Attorney

Service to congregation:

- Choir
- Confirmation small group leader
- Chair, Call Committee

Nominated by the Zumbro River

Conference

▲ Jim Stromberg

Congregation: Cross of Christ, Houston

Conference: Root River

Service to congregation:

- Communion minister
- Musician
- Reader
- Cantor
- Computer tech
- Stephen minister

Service to synod:

- Synod Assembly Worship



◆ 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members - Lay, Female

◆ Cathy Van Hove

Congregation: Trinity, Kiester

Conference: Blue Earth River

Occupation: Early Childhood Special Education teacher

Service to congregation:

- Sunday school teacher
- Church council financial secretary
- Sunday school Christmas program director and pianist
- Various musical positions
- Organized and directed Hanging of the Greens service (11 years)
- Started and organized greeters for Sunday mornings
- Organized and head of the Worship Committee
- WELCA president and member
- Circle member
- Originator of Wednesday Prayer time at Trinity
- Led Bible studies and WELCA programs

Service to synod:

- World Day of Prayer speaker
- Attended several synod meetings

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Taught piano and voice lessons
- Extensive work with groups for people with diabetes, improving health care for diabetics, lobbying for diabetics, and other advocacy efforts for diabetes
- Judge for local and county fair talent shows
- Member of the County Republicans Central Committee
- Volunteer at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp
- Member of the Kiester Lion's Club

Nominated by the Blue Earth River Conference

◆ Kay Sabin

Congregation: First English, Cannon Falls

Conference: Cannon River

Service to congregation:

- Member, Candidacy Committee
- Chair, Theology Conference Committee (1993-1995)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Member, family selection committee Rice County Habitat for Humanity
- Chair, Faribault Ministerial Association

Nominated by the Cannon River Conference



◆ 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members - Lay, Female, continued

◆ Marie Tesch

Congregation: St. John, Waseca

Conference: Minnesota River

Occupation: Small business co-owner/bookkeeper

Service to congregation:

- Sunday school teacher and superintendent
- Choir
- Church council
- Stewardship committee chair
- Confirmation guide and mentor
- Lector
- Homebound communion minister
- Bible study leader
- Prayer shawl ministry
- Prayer team ministry leader
- Alpha Course
- Women's chair
- Good Earth Village Bible Camp capital campaign

Service to synod:

- Stewardship Committee
- Church councils ambassador
- Assembly worship planning committee
- Assembly voting member
- Lay School of Theology

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Lead weekly Bible study at local nursing home
- StoneCroft Bible study participant
- Stephen's ministry with Church of the Sacred Heart and Mayo Medical Health Systems
- World Day of Prayer leader
- National Day of Prayer participant, Washington, D.C.
- Various other community activities

Nominated by the Minnesota River Conference

◆ Helen Nelson

Congregation: Grace, Waseca

Conference: Minnesota River

Occupation: Medical secretary

Service to congregation:

- WELCA: past vice-president, past president, current treasurer
- Circle chair
- Church council - Evangelism
- Eucharistic minister
- Liturgist
- VBS helper
- World Hunger and Food Share contact person
- LWR advocate
- Past organist
- Church cook
- Prayer chain

Service to synod:

- Voting member at Synod Assembly for 10+ years
- Minutes Committee for Synod Assembly

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Stephen minister
- Accompanist for Holy Week and Thanksgiving services at the hospital

Nominated by the Minnesota River Conference

◆ Carrie Schiltze

Conference: Root River

Nominated by the Root River Conference



◆ 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members - Lay, Female, continued

◆ Sharon Barnes

Congregation: St. Olaf, Austin

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Receptionist, Worlein Funeral Home

Service to congregation:

- WELCA president (other offices in the past)
- Started prayer shawl group
- Senior ministry team
- Served on several boards and church council in the past

Service to synod:

- WELCA treasurer (4 years), currently editor of newsletter
- Past member of Global Mission Committee
- Past synod representative to Minnesota Council of Churches
- Churchwide WELCA board (1987-1990)
- Sal y Luz

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Work with Lutheran Social Services
- Habitat for Humanity

Nominated by the Zumbro River

Conference

◆ 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Member Alternates - Clergy

◆ Pastor John Malm

Congregation: Hayward Lutheran, Hayward

Conference: Blue Earth River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Pastor

Service to synod:

- Several past services to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod
- Committee on Support to Rostered Personnel, Southeastern Minnesota Synod (past)
- Lutheran Camping Council of Minnesota (1988-1994)
- Board of Directors, Luther Crest Bible Camp, Green Lake Bible Camp (Vice-Chairman), and Good Earth Village (Chairman) (all past)
- Blue Earth River Conference Nominating Committee (past)
- Vice-Dean, Blue Earth River Conference (current)
- Treasurer, Blue Earth River Conference Pastors Group (current)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Lion's Club member (past)
- Kiester Civic and Commerce member (past)
- Advisory Board for Fountain Centers (current)

Nominated by the Blue Earth River

Conference



► 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Member Alternates - Clergy, continued

► Pastor Pat Hinkie

Congregation: United in Faith, Bricelyn & Frost

Conference: Blue Earth River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Pastor: shepherd, preach, teach, counsel

Service to synod:

- Mission trip to Tanzania (2005)
- Synod representative on Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota board of directors (2000-present)
- Blue Earth River Conference chair
- Blue Earth River Conference nominating committee

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Hospice

Nominated by the Blue Earth River Conference

► Pastor Jennifer Anderson Koenig

Congregation: St. John's, Northfield

Conference: Cannon River

Occupation: Pastor (St. Olaf College)

Service to congregation:

- Mentor for 9th grade confirmation student at St. John's (2006)

Service to synod:

- Preacher for the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly (1998)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Women's Edition (1997-2000)
- Project Sight (1997-2000)
- School volunteer (2006)

Nominated by the Cannon River Conference

► Pastor Dr. Mark Granquist

Congregation: St. John's, Northfield

Conference: Cannon River

Occupation: Assistant Professor of Religion

Service to synod:

- Augsburg College Corporation
- Synod Ecumenical Dialogue

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Volunteer, Northfield Soccer Association
- Cub Scout leader

Nominated by the Cannon River Conference

► Pastor Joel Erickson

Congregation: Grace, Mankato

Conference: Minnesota River

Occupation: Pastor

Nominated by the Minnesota River Conference

► Pastor Chris Finsand

Congregation: Chatfield Lutheran, Chatfield

Conference: Root River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Pastoral ministry

Service to synod:

- Candidacy Committee member (10 years)
- Missionary with the Lutheran Church in Japan

Nominated by the Root River Conference



► 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Member Alternates - Clergy, continued

► Pastor Eric Finsand

Congregation: Chatfield Lutheran, Chatfield

Conference: Root River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Pastoral ministry
- Service to synod:*
- Root River Conference vice-dean
 - Theological Conference Planning Committee
 - Missionary with the Lutheran Church in Japan

Nominated by the Root River Conference

► Pastor Ron Barnett

Congregation: St. Olaf, Austin

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Pastor

Service to synod:

- Western Iowa Synod Council
- Western Iowa Synod Executive Committee
- Western Iowa Synod Finance Committee

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Loan officer & bank assistant vice-president (1977-1983)
- Member, Austin Rotary Club
- Austin Sesquicentennial Executive Committee
- Board member, Austin Area Foundation
- Former chair, Austin Ministerial Association
- Treasurer, St. Mark's Lutheran Home, Austin

Nominated by the Zumbro River Conference

► Pastor Dan Kahl

Congregation: Our Savior's, Austin

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Pastor

Service to congregation:

- Associate Pastor of Youth and Intergenerational Ministries
- Choirs
- Play guitar for contemporary service
- Play on church softball & volleyball teams

Service to synod:

- Theological Conference Planning Committee (6 years)
- BLOChads

Nominated by the Zumbro River Conference



2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Member Alternates - Lay, Male

Robert Berthelsen

Congregation: Trinity, Albert Lea

Conference: Blue Earth River

Service to congregation:

- Congregational council (president)
- Sunday school support/teacher
- Confirmation teacher
- Mentor
- Stephen Ministry leader
- Ministry assistant
- Choir
- Sunday adult forum

Service to synod:

- Synod Committed for Resolutions

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Retired secondary school administrator
- Retired county commissioner
- Volunteer of senior resources Albert Lea Medical Center
- AmeriCorps mentor
- Confirmation mentor
- Albert Lea Cantor
- Meals on Wheels
- Salvation Army Board

Nominated by the Blue Earth River Conference

Don Bratten

Conference: Cannon River

Nominated by the Cannon River

Conference

Phil Wold

Congregation: Christ the King, Mankato

Conference: Minnesota River

Service to congregation:

- Church Council president
- Evangelism board
- Worship board
- Building committee
- Pastoral call committee
- choir

Service to synod:

- 6th ELCA Churchwide Assembly

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Salvation army
- Gideon's

Nominated by the Minnesota River Conference

Gary Bren

Congregation: Chatfield Lutheran, Chatfield

Conference: Root River

Occupation: Medical researcher, Mayo Clinic

Service to congregation:

- Church council president
- Call committee member
- Staff support committee
- Sunday school teacher

Service to synod:

- Synod Assembly voting member

Nominated by the Root River Conference



2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Member Alternates - Lay, Male, continued

Paul Mainz

Congregation: Good Shepherd, Rochester

Conference: Zumbro River

Occupation: Tax consultant and preparer

Service to congregation:

- Chair, call committee (current)
- Produced and directed six plays (written five) in our church
- Choir
- Minister assistant
- Audit committee
- Cantor
- Confirmation youth mentor
- Directed choirs
- Committee and council member in former church

Service to synod:

- Endowment committee and task force (9 years, chair for 3 years)
- Zumbro Conference Dean (4 years)
- Numerous committees for Synod Assembly (5 years)
- Synod task force on congregational conflict
- Synod stewardship task force (current)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Volunteer, Good Earth Village (skit writing, golf tournament committee)
- Writing Biblical melodramas

Nominated by the Zumbro River

Conference

2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Member Alternates - Lay, Female

Lilah Aas

Congregation: First, Albert Lea

Conference: Blue Earth River

Service to congregation:

- Congregation vice-president (2001-2003) & president (2003-2005)
- Interim volunteer choir director (2004-2005)
- Music Search Committee, member (2005) & chair (2002)
- Small group guide for confirmation (2001-2003)
- Endowment committee (2002-present) (member, currently secretary)
- Music, Worship, and Fine Arts Commission (past member)
- Member, Choir (1979-present)
- Handbell choir (2001-present) (member)
- Spirit Express (contemporary worship) musician

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Hospice volunteer (2003-present)
- Education Foundation of Albert Lea
- Freeborn County Red Cross Board
- Head of the 4th grade theater project
- Albert Lea High School One-Act Play (director)
- Co-chair of Education Month for Albert Lea's Sesquicentennial Celebration
- PEO (women's philanthropic organization)
- Albert Lea Rotary
- Freeborn County Cancer volunteers

Nominated by the Blue Earth River

Conference



■ 2007 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members - Lay, Female, continued

■ Sheri French

Congregation: St. Paul, Pine Island

Conference: Cannon River

Occupation: Electrical engineer at IBM

Service to congregation:

- Adult education leader (2001-2006)
- Lay liturgy leader (2003-2006)
- Member of Chancel Choir
- Praise team
- Act in skits (2000-present)

Other experience and/or service to community:

- Girl Scout leader (1988, 1994, 1998, 2004)
- Soccer coach (1997-2000)
- One Area People for the environment (1987-1989)

Nominated by the Cannon River Conference

■ Marlene Jilek

Congregation: Messiah, North Mankato

Conference: Minnesota River

Occupation: Pediatric nurse practitioner

Service to congregation:

- Sunday school teacher
- Confirmation guide
- Choir
- Chaperone for mission trip

Nominated by the Minnesota River Conference

■ Carmen Fingerson

Congregation: Chatfield Lutheran, Chatfield

Conference: Root River

Occupation: School Nurse, Chosen Valley Elementary School

Service to congregation:

- Church Council member
- Call committee member
- Stephen Ministry co-coordinator
- Sunday school teacher
- Youth sponsor
- Shawl ministry co-coordinator

Service to synod:

- Short-term missionary with the Lutheran Church in India
- Synod Assembly voting member

Nominated by the Root River Conference



◆ **2007 Churchwide
Assembly Voting
Members - Youth**

◆ **Matthew Gerhardt**

Congregation: Grace, Fairmont

Nominated by the Conference of Deans

◆ **Nicole Gartner**

Congregation: Good Shepherd, Rochester

Nominated by the Conference of Deans

◆ **Jenny Wallerich**

*Congregation: Community Lutheran,
Geneva*

Nominated by the Conference of Deans

▼ **2007 Churchwide
Assembly Voting
Members - Young
Adult**

▼ **Tomine Erredge**

Congregation: Lands, Zumbrota

Nominated by the Conference of Deans

▼ **Rick Howden**

Congregation: First English, Cannon Falls

Nominated by the Conference of Deans

▼ **Leslie Brooke Neist**

Congregation: Trinity, Albert Lea

Nominated by the Conference of Deans

